

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 May 2020.

Present: Len Attard – Chairman  
Laura Bromberg  
Ben Oldham  
Jim Pollard  
John Rutter  
Jonathan Smith  
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: None

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Wilkes, BC Mclain and CC Awford.

**2 MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 22 April 2020, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**4 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### 5 PLANNING:

#### 5.1 Applications:

**20/00364/FUL** 1 Notcliffe Cottages, Walton Hill: Demolition of 2 no. existing cottages and erection of 2 no. replacement detached dwellings and associated garages.

It was agreed that Councillors Bromberg and Pollard put together a response to this application.

**20/00366/FUL** Land to the Northwest of 5 & 6 Westview, Apperley: Application for technical details consent pursuant to 19/00791/PIP for the erection of 1 infill dwelling:

Clerk to obtain an extension as Councillors required more time to study the plans

**5.2 Decision:** 20/00026/FUL Wightfield Manor, Wightfield, Apperley: Installation of a pond and paving with soft landscaping - **Granted**

**5.3 Appeals:** None **Appeal Decisions:** None

**5.4 Neighbourhood Plan (NP):** Councillor Bromberg updated the Councillors of the progress made – another grant of £3,000 had been awarded for ongoing costs in connection with the production of the NP.

### 6 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

#### 6.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 May	348.12		
Less Tax	<u>69.60</u>	278.52	Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Refund due to Clerk	69.60		Via Bank Transfer
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Countrywide:

Carrying out playing field cut on the			
13.5.20	125.00		
	VAT 25.00		
Extra cut of playing field	250.00		
	<u>VAT 50.00</u>	450.00	Via Bank Transfer

GAPTC renewal of membership due			
15 May 2020		263.94	Via Bank Transfer

The Club Cricket Charity

Cost of 2 defib including “The Managed			
Solution	1000.00		
2 cabinets	692.00		
VAT on cabinets	<u>138.00</u>	1830.00	Via Bank Transfer

Came & Co renewal of insurance due		
1.6.20	440.53	Via Bank Transfer
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£3332.59</b>	

**Receipts:**

Allotment Rent	355.00
<b>Total Receipt:</b>	<b>£355.00</b>

**6.2 Financial Statement:** Circulated with the agenda. The Councillors agreed Clerk to sign this.

**6.3 End of Year Return: Agree Certificate of exemption, appointment of external internal auditor:** As the income or expenditure does not exceed £25,000 for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 it was agreed that the PC would certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review. The Clerk and Chairman to sign.

**7 MATTERS ARISING**

**7.1 Apperley Village Hall:** The Clerk asked if the Village Hall had managed to secure the grant of £10,000 offered by TBC – Minsterworth Village Hall had been able to secure this grant. Councillor Oldham said he would speak with Chris Freeman.

**Tennis Courts** have reopened – the existing members will be given the combination for the lock.

**Play Area:** John Hicks wife has emailed the PC advising that her husband is unable to carry out the ROSPA inspection of the play area scheduled for May due to ill health. She has supplied the name of someone who may be able to help so the Clerk has contacted them. Play Area is still locked

**Allotments:** Nothing to report

**7.2 Highways:** Councillor Pollard gave an update on various problems he had reported and that had been dealt with.

**Dog Waste Bin along Court Drive** had disappeared. TBC has now replaced this with a dual-purpose bin.

**Deerhurst Village:** The road will be shut for a short period of time to carry out maintenance work on the floodgates as a leak had been identified last time they were used.

**7.3 Public Rights of Way:** Councillor Pollard had spent several weeks clearing the vegetation from stiles.

**7.4 Provision of Defibrillator for Deerhurst, Deerhurst Walton:** The Chairman confirmed that an order for two defibs had been placed. £500 for each unit would come from the Parish Council so the remainder of £345.83 would have to come from the residents or some other source.

**Deerhurst defib:** 20 houses. Councillor Rutter had sent out a letter to householders requesting a financial contribution of £25 to date he has had a two-thirds 'yes' to the defib village donor appeal.

**Deerhurst Walton defib:** 30 houses. The defib for Deerhurst Walton will be on the wall of April Cottage. It was agreed that £300 should be set aside in the budget for 2021/22 to cover the ongoing maintenance costs of the defibs.

**7.5 Noticeboard Deerhurst Walton:** Defer. Currently, Councillor Smith is displaying the meeting notices on the telegraph pole.

**8 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**VAS Sign:** Councillor Oldham suggested to save Councillor Pollard a considerable amount of work perhaps as the PC had a few year's-worth of data in the designated sites that he did not need to analyse all the data. Perhaps the units should be moved to alternative sites eg outside the School and Village Hall?

**9 DATE FOR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:** Wednesday, 24 June 2020 commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed 8.41pm.